

HOUSE RESOLUTION 368

By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to honor "Broadview Community Day," on June 4, 2010, in Franklin County.

WHEREAS, John Franklin of Massachusetts, Stump Fort, Virginia, and Burke County, North Carolina, was a six-year veteran of the French and Indian War, recruited by George Washington, and was a Revolutionary War soldier in General McIntosh's Brigade of the 6th Carolina Regiment, Company 6 under Taylor; he married Phebe Parker in 1779 and was the father of several children, including Moses and Jemima; and

WHEREAS, Moses Franklin migrated to Pulaski County, Kentucky, and Jemima Franklin followed him with her four children after her first husband, Hugh McDaniel McCoy, died. It was there she met and married William Griffin; and

WHEREAS, by 1810, the Moses Franklin and William and Jemima McCoy Griffin families migrated to the banks of the Elk River in western Franklin County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1859, Joseph Franklin, son of Moses, having willed land at the northeastern corner of the Franklin Plantation for a cemetery, died and was buried in the cemetery with other members of the Franklin-McCoy-Cole families; and

WHEREAS, in the 1920s, Henry Higginbotham, whose wife was a descendent of Joseph Franklin, donated additional land for expansion of the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, after the Owl Hollow Home Demonstration Club was organized with meetings held at the Owl Hollow school house in Owl Hollow, Tennessee, the club wives urged the community's men to clean Franklin Cemetery; the men worked for a week with mules and gee whizzes while the ladies took food each workday; and

WHEREAS, by 1938, after the group became known as the Owl Hollow-Fairview Club, it was renamed the Broadview Home Demonstration Club in recognition of the new community of

Broadview and its school; at that time, Mrs. Alton Cole wrote an article detailing the "awful" condition of the cemetery and urged the appointment of a committee to coordinate cemetery cleaning and fundraising; and

WHEREAS, since March 23, 1940, Broadview community ladies have conducted an auction for the benefit of cemetery upkeep; and

WHEREAS, for seventy years, Broadview ladies have donated handmade quilts, afghans, pillows, homebaked goods, toys, crafts, and fresh garden vegetables and plants for the annual auction, which has enjoyed the volunteer services of local auctioneers, including John Smith; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Alton Cole family, descendants of Moses Franklin, established the Franklin Cemetery Memorial Trust Fund, which George Fraley, Jr., Marie Boswell, and Charles Lee Hopkins have served since its inception; and

WHEREAS, today, descendants of Moses and Jemima Franklin continue to live in the Broadview community and have now buried their family members at Franklin Cemetery for 201 years; they continue the seventy-year old tradition of donating items and holding the annual auction to benefit the final resting place of their departed ancestors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the good people of Franklin County and the Broadview community on June 4, 2010, as they celebrate "Broadview Community Day" in recognition of the seventy years of donations of time, resources, and service in the best spirit of Tennessee volunteerism for the betterment of Franklin County, the Broadview community, and the Franklin Cemetery at the head of Owl Hollow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.